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Spiritual Direction

Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith

HarperOne Henri Nouwen—beloved author, priest, and internationally recognized spiritual master, counselor, and guide—offers gentle wisdom for universal questions of the spiritual life: Who am I? Where have I been and where am I going? Who is God for me? Where do I belong? How can I be of service? As a priest, pastor, and professor of spirituality at Notre Dame, Yale, and Harvard, Nouwen offered spiritual direction to many students, but his famous course on spiritual direction was never recorded during his lifetime. Now, in *Spiritual Direction*, the first of a series, one of Nouwen's students (Michael Christensen) and one of his editors (Rebecca Laird) have developed his courses and practice of spiritual direction into a book of profound wisdom for living a deep spiritual life.

Bread for the Journey

A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith

Harper Collins When beloved author Henri Nouwen set out to record this daybook of totally new reflections, he suddenly found himself on "a true spiritual adventure." For in these 366 original, interlocking morsels of daily wisdom, Nouwen provides both sustenance and a trail for us to follow, as he unveils, to his own surprise, his personal map of faith. From the delicate interplay of human experience to the surrender to Christ and the embrace of Christian community, that journey of Christian spirituality is explored and celebrated here in each eloquent, thought-provoking passage. "The table is one of the most intimate places in our lives. It is there that we give ourselves to one another. When we say, 'Take some more, let me serve you another plate, let me pour you another glass, don't be shy, enjoy it,' we say a lot more than our words express. We invite our friends to become part of our lives. We want them to be nurtured by the same food and drink that nurture us. We desire communion.... Every breakfast, lunch, or dinner can become a time of growing communion with one another." Intimately personal and inspiring, *Bread for the Journey* is a daily feast of fresh insight into the challenges and deep joys of a life lived in close communion with God. Nouwen is a wise, loving companion who invites us along as he finds joy in the community of loss, true freedom in forgiveness of others, and hope in surprising places. Each daily meditation is a stepping-stone along a path of private discovery, offering Nouwen's seasoned yet fresh ideas on kindness, love, suffering, and prayer, the Church as God's people, and the importance of Jesus in one's life—reflecting, as a whole, Nouwen's own 'personal creed.' *Bread for the Journey* brims with daily nourishment and guidance for devoted followers and new friends alike -- food for thought on a yearlong journey of discovery and faith.

Spiritual Formation

Following the Movements of the Spirit

Harper Collins "Henri Nouwen was one of the great spiritual masters of the modern age. His beloved writings have helped millions understand that no matter where we are, God can meet us there. Read this brand-new compilation of his writings and conferences, and let Henri Nouwen accompany you—with his trademark wisdom, acuity, common sense, erudition and, most of all, compassion—and help you encounter God more fully in your daily life." — James Martin, SJ, author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* Led by the writing of beloved, bestselling author Henri Nouwen (*With Open Hands*, *Reaching Out*, *The Wounded Healer*, *Making All Things New*), the authors of *Spiritual Direction*, return with the second work in this popular spirituality series on how to live out the five classical stages of spiritual development.

Discernment

Reading the signs of daily life

SPCK Henri Nouwen, beloved author, priest and world-renowned counsellor and guide, understood the spiritual life as a journey of faith and transformation that is deepened by accountability, community and relationships. Although Henri counselled many people during his lifetime, his principles of discernment were never collected into a single volume. Now, in association with the Nouwen Legacy Trust, Michael Christensen - one of Nouwen's long-time students - and Rebecca Laird have taken his coursework, journals and unpublished writings and created the definitive resource on spiritual discernment. *Discernment* is the final volume in a trilogy of Nouwen titles. *Spiritual Direction* and *Spiritual Formation* are also published by SPCK.

Walking on a Rolling Deck

Life on the Ark

Liturgical Press In 1999 Kathy Berken left Green Bay, Wisconsin, for her new home as a live-in assistant in a L'Arche community in Clinton, Iowa. Although the life she left was not necessarily one of balmy beaches, she could never have predicted the storms that lay ahead. She found that her new home was not an ark of refuge. However, she also found that God was with her and the members of her house, shaping and guiding them. The story of her journey is told here with verve and honesty. It is a story of breast cancer, of forging relationships, of violence and the struggle to forgive. It is the story of a heart turned to God and changed by love of others. It is ultimately the story of all of our Christian lives, no matter where or with whom we live. Jesus is truly living in the hearts of those who have been pushed aside. He is not just in gentle and prayerful liturgies but also in the mess of dailiness and of difficult relationships. The crucified Jesus leads to crucified people. The resurrection of Jesus leads us to discover the seeds of resurrection in all the pain of our world and in all the hidden pain in each of us. It leads us to celebration and to laughter. It is a place of healing for us all. Yes, you have well described life in L'Arche home. To learn more about Kathy Berken and L'Arche Books, please visit the website: www.faithjourneyhope.com Kathleen Berken is house coordinator for one of three homes in L'Arche community in Clinton, Iowa, where she lives with five men with developmental disabilities. She was a high school and college math teacher prior to joining the staff of *The Compass*, the newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay. Berken joined the L'Arche community in 1999. Her roles of mother, teacher, caregiver, and friend all give dimension to her role as L'Arche assistant.

Behold the Beauty of the Lord

Praying with Icons

Ave Maria Press This twentieth anniversary edition (more than 111,000 copies sold) brings Henri J.M. Nouwen's writings on Eastern Orthodox icons to a new generation and adds to the Nouwen collection published by Ave Maria Press. With a foreword by Br. Robert Lentz, a well-known painter of contemporary icons, this classic Nouwen book invites readers to pray with four Russian icons with their eyes open by emphasizing seeing or gazing, which are at the heart of Eastern spirituality. Nouwen's meditations reveal his viewing of the icons not as decorations, but holy places. The book includes four full-color icons for private contemplation or meditation.

Walk with Jesus

Stations of the Cross

Orbis Books

Letters to Marc about Jesus (NEW Edition)

'If I were to let my life be taken over by what is urgent, I might very well never get around to what is essential. It's so easy to spend your whole time being preoccupied with urgent matters and never starting to live, really to live.' In seven Letters to Marc about Jesus, Henri Nouwen writes from the conviction that Jesus is the centre of his own life. From that perspective, he shares the joys and sufferings of his own spiritual journey with his 19-year old nephew in Holland. The letters deal with deep questions about life and faith in the light of the Gospel message, and with the spiritual search as experienced by a young adult today.

The Return of the Prodigal Son

A Story of Homecoming

Image With over a million copies sold, this classic work is essential reading for all who ask, "Where has my struggle led me?" A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Henri Nouwen on an unforgettable spiritual adventure. Here he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell. As Nouwen reflects on Rembrandt's painting in light of his own life journey, he evokes a powerful drama of the classic parable in a rich, captivating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers. Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's resentfulness, and the father's compassion. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. The challenge to love as God loves, and to be loved as God's beloved, will be seen as the ultimate revelation of the parable known to Christians throughout time, and is here represented with a vigor and power fresh for our times.

A Spirituality of Living

The Henri Nouwen Spirituality Series

Upper Room Books What's the secret to living a spiritual life? So much is happening in our world that we often get distracted and listen to voices other than the voice of God. "If we want to be disciples of Jesus, we have to live a disciplined life," Nouwen asserts. In the spiritual life, discipline requires conscious effort to keep every area in life from being filled up. It means creating space in our life for God to act and speak. Nouwen identifies 3 essential disciplines for maintaining a life of discipleship: solitude, community, and ministry. In solitude we learn to listen to God through prayer. We realize that we are beloved sons and daughters of God. In community we learn to celebrate, as well as to practice vulnerability and forgiveness. After we have experienced solitude and community, we feel God's call to minister to a hurting world. God empowers us to do amazing things. This encouraging, insightful book will inspire you to practice solitude, community, and ministry. The result, Nouwen promises, is a fruitful, Spirit-filled life.

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Life of the Beloved

Hachette UK The real 'work' of prayer is to become silent and listen to the voice that says good things about me. *Life of the Beloved* asks how one can live a spiritual life in a Western secular culture. The greatest challenge, concludes Nouwen, is to bridge the gap between secular and sacred within the self as a human being loved by God.

Can You Drink the Cup?

Ave Maria Press The last book published before Henri Nouwen's death in 1996, *Can You Drink the Cup?* has been translated into ten languages and sold more than 140,000 copies. Exploring the deep spiritual impact of the question Jesus asked his friends James and John, Nouwen reflects upon the metaphor of the cup, using the images of holding, lifting, and drinking to articulate the basics of the spiritual life. Written with the profound insight and clarity characteristic of his numerous best-selling books, Nouwen's deeply perceptive exploration of Jesus' challenging question has the power to pierce your heart, expand your spiritual horizons, and radically change your life.

Rediscovering the Spiritual Disciplines for Today's Ministry Leadership: A Journey of Proactive Spiritual Formation for Leaders

Covenant Books, Inc. Military chaplains are highly trained professionals with multiple graduate degrees and varying civilian pastoral experience. They enter the chaplaincy after a rigorous selection process and military courses, which all must verify their calling to military ministry. Throughout a chaplain's career, he or she will attend many continuing education seminars, civilian education graduate programs, and conferences, all provided by the military. However, chaplains are challenged with the rigorous multitasked environment of this ministry. Multiple deployments into combat have negatively impacted the personal lives of those seeking to care for the souls of the soldier. This book encourages the importance of spiritual resiliency in the lives of leaders, both military and civilian. Leaders who regularly practice spiritual disciplines will be less likely to suffer personal and professional failure, or burnout. Second, the leader's practice of spiritual disciplines is essential to fostering positive modeling and mentoring for young chaplains and those wishing to serve. Third, practicing historic Christian spiritual disciplines will benefit those who strive to lead congregations and especially military installations in the free exercise of their faith.

Wounded Prophet

A Portrait of Henri J. M. Nouwen

Image The first in-depth portrait of Henri Nouwen to be published since his 1996 death draws on extensive interviews with colleagues, friends, and family members to profile the acclaimed spiritual writer, from his youth to his life as a priest and member of Toronto's L'Arche Daybreak Community. Reprint.

Here And Now: Living In The Spirit

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Sabbatical Journey (NEW Edition)

The Diary of His Final Year

This journal was written during the last year of Henri Nouwen's life, ending shortly before his death in 1996. In it, he describes his struggles with other people, his difficulty discerning what God intends for him, the direction his ministry is to take, and, woven throughout the book, are the continual, endless and beautiful themes of God's reconciling love, the Eucharist, forgiveness, friendship and love. Three weeks after writing his final words of this book, Nouwen died following a heart attack.

Adam

God's Beloved

Orbis Books In the final year before his death, Nouwen began to write an account of the death of his friend Adam, a severely handicapped young man. Through this story, Nouwen found a new way to tell God's story and the story of all human creatures, broken and yet beloved.

The Road to Peace

Writings on Peace and Justice

Throughout his life Henri Nouwen stressed the connection between intimacy with Christ and solidarity with a wounded world. From his early support for the civil rights movement, through his engagement in the cause of peace and his life with the handicapped members of the L'Arche community, Nouwen was always engaged with the social dimensions of the gospel. In gathering Nouwen's writings on peace and social justice, editor John Dear amplifies this crucial element of Nouwen's message about the call of Christian discipleship. At the same time, Nouwen issues a call to activists to be peacemakers in the fullest sense: to root their witness in prayer, joy, and a spirit of love. Included are a previously unpublished essay on peacemaking; stories of the March on Selma and the funeral of Martin Luther King; reflections on the legacies of Oscar Romero and Thomas Merton; and a moving talk on compassion in the time of AIDS. For all those who have read and treasured the life and work of Henri Nouwen, *The Road to Peace* is an inspiration, and a challenge to live our Christian lives with both love and action.

The Dance of Life

Weaving Sorrows and Blessings Into One Joyful Step

In this new anthology, Michael Andrew Ford gathers Henri J.M. Nouwen's selections that encourage us to embrace our imperfections and find the transforming power of God at work within them. Spiritual refreshment and guidance through the darkness, loneliness, and turmoil of life's challenges.

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Making All Things New

An Invitation to the Spiritual Life

Harper Collins Newly repackaged, *Making All Things New* is an eloquent and simple explanation of the spiritual life from Henri J.M. Nouwen, author of *Letters to Marc About Jesus* and *A Letter of Consolation* and one of the best-loved spiritual writers of the twentieth century.

The Only Necessary Thing

Living a Prayerful Life

Throughout the forty-some books that Henri Nouwen wrote and the hundreds of talks that he gave, the subject of Prayer runs through them all and unites them. For him a life of faith is a life of prayer. Drawn from many decades of his life, the compilation of Henri's thoughts, feelings, and the struggle with prayer, reveal the core of the man and his belief that prayer is the only necessary thing.

The Living Reminder

Service and Prayer in Memory of Jesus Christ

Harper Collins How service is prayer and prayer is service In this rich and deceptively simple book, beloved writer Henri Nouwen speaks—from the heart and from his own experience—of the joys and challenges of religious service. He shows how ministry cannot be separated from spirituality and reveals how anyone involved in religiously motivated service can act as a healing, sustaining, and guiding reminder of Jesus.

In the Name of Jesus

Reflections on Christian Leadership

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Intimacy

HarperCollins Is love a possibility within our reach? "We probably have wondered in our many lonesome moments if there is one corner in this competitive, demanding world where it is safe to be relaxed, to expose ourselves to someone else, and to give unconditionally. It might be very small and hidden. But if this corner exists, it calls for a search through the complexities of our human relationships in order to find it." -- from *Intimacy* Writing from his vast experience as a pastoral counselor, Henri Nouwen addresses the basic question, "How can I find a creative and fulfilling intimacy in my relationship with God and my fellow human beings?" He conducts a rich and insightful exploration into the balance between intimacy and distance, the problems in trying to develop lasting and productive relationships on all levels, and the connections between intimacy and sexuality, pray, faith, and the mental well-being of the minister. *Intimacy* is an essential resource for anyone struggling to grasp the profound implications of this most basic human needs.

Thriveology

Resilience-Informed Teaching through the CARING Model

Wipf and Stock Publishers Can our students learn something positive for themselves in spite of traumatic and toxic situations? Can they thrive in their cognitive, emotional, and social capacities to transform their painful and challenging current COVID-19 environment? What do teachers need to do for this? These questions guided this book to suggest a new perspective of education, called the Pedagogy of Thriveology, which challenges students to overcome the current toxic social environments based on the biblical perspective. In fact, Jesus presents many effective teaching cases in Scripture. In this book, I identify specific cases of audiences who experienced trauma (that are related to physical, emotional, relational, spiritual, cultural, ethical identity issues) along with appropriate learning strategies and instructional processes that are used by Jesus so that the specific audience in each case would be equipped with resilience needed to overcome their trauma.

Community

Orbis Books

Lonely Mystic

A New Portrait of Henri J. M. Nouwen

Paulist Press A new, original study of loneliness and friendship in the life and writings of Henri Nouwen.

Turn My Mourning into Dancing

Finding Hope in Hard Times

Thomas Nelson How do you find hope in hard times? Learn not only how to survive the difficult seasons, but to live a full life in the midst of them and beyond. Grounded in God's constancy and rooted in eternal hope, Nouwen guides you towards the kind of life that you can dance to—even through the darkest night. Deeply comforting and profoundly realistic, Turn My Mourning into Dancing discusses five movements we experience during hard times: From Our Little Selves to a Larger World From Holding Tight to Letting Go From Fatalism to Hope From Manipulation to Love From a Fearful Death to a Joyous Life Healing begins with taking our pain out of its toxic isolation and seeing our sufferings in communion with all humanity, and all creation. Nouwen teaches us that our lives participate in something much larger. Turn My Mourning into Dancing is a must read for: Those seeking growth and insight on the struggles of life Anyone going through the grief process and searching for real solutions Those who have experienced a loss, betrayal, or hard times Everyone grieves differently. It is a process, not a science experiment. Mourning shouldn't last forever. Do you want the kind of life that allows you to dance even in the middle of the darkest night? Get the answers and find hope within your hard times.

With Open Hands

Ave Maria Press With Open Hands, Henri Nouwen's first book on spirituality and a treasured introduction to prayer, has been a perennial favorite for over thirty years because it gently encourages an open, trusting stance toward God and offers insight to the components of prayer: silence, acceptance, hope, compassion, and prophetic criticism. Provocative questions invite reflection and self-awareness, while simple and beautiful prayers provide comfort, peace, and reassurance. With over half a million copies printed in seven languages, this spiritual classic has been reissued for a new generation with moving photography and a foreword by Sue Monk Kidd.

Compassion

A Reflection on the Christian Life

Image In this provocative essay on that least understood virtue, compassion, the authors challenge themselves and us with these questions: Where do we place compassion in our lives? Is it enough to live a life in which we hurt one another as little as possible? Is our guiding ideal a life of maximum pleasure and minimum pain? Compassion answers no. After years of study and discussion among themselves, with other religious, and with men and women at the very center of national politics, the authors look at compassion with a vigorous new perspective. They place compassion at the heart of a Christian life in a world governed far too long by principles of power and destructive control. Compassion, no longer merely an eraser of human mistakes, is a force of prayer and action -- the expression of God's love for us and our love for God and one another. Compassion is a book that says no to a compassion of guilt and failure and yes to a compassionate love that pervades our spirit and moves us to action. Henri Nouwen, Donald McNeill, and Douglas Morrison have written a moving document on what it means to be a Christian in a difficult time.

Reaching Out

Zondervan Henri Nouwen, who died in 1996, was one of the most significant writers on spirituality of the late twentieth century. Reaching Out combines two of his most popular books in one volume. With a foreword of personal appreciation by the ever popular Father Gerard Hughes, this special edition will be treasured by the many admirers of Henri Nouwen. The main part of the book is Reaching Out which answers the question 'What does it mean to live a life in the Spirit of Jesus Christ?' The second part is Glimpse Beyond the Mirror which is a very personal account of the author's spiritual life in the aftermath of a terrible accident.

Clowning in Rome

Reflections on Solitude, Celibacy, Prayer and Contemplation

Darton Longman and Todd Now reissued is this classic work by one of the 20th century's most beloved spiritual writers. In this account of the time he spent in Rome, Nouwen offers reflections on solitude, celibacy, prayer, and contemplation.

The Only Necessary Thing

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Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer

An Approach to Life in Fullness

Paulist Press A monk reflects on the many aspects of the spiritual life with the basic attitude of gratefulness. "A true delight." --Henri J. M. Nouwen

Learning to Walk in the Dark

Because God often shows up at night

Canterbury Press In this long awaited follow-up to the best-selling An Altar in the World, Barbara Brown Taylor explores 'the treasures of darkness' that the Bible speaks about. What can we learn about the ways of God when we cannot see the way ahead, are lost, alone, frightened, not in control or when the world around us seems to have descended into darkness? Contemporary culture throws many brightly lit distractions at us to divert our attention away from the dark, but Barbara Brown Taylor combines her great grace, sensitivity and insight as a writer and priest with the deep wisdom of the biblical and Christian traditions to discover how God is more present to our vulnerable, open night-time selves than to our pre-occupied daylight selves.

Lights in the Darkness

Exploring Catholic Themes in Twelve Extraordinary Films

Wipf and Stock Publishers Americans currently spend on average more than ten hours a day in front of a screen. Some of that time can now be a source of profound ethical reflections and spiritual insights thanks to this refreshing book. The primary goal of *Lights in the Darkness* is to explore the themes of grace, redemption, pilgrimage, conscience, justice, faith and reason, the common good, sacramentality, and wisdom in twelve award-winning films. In addition to unpacking these themes, each chapter provides background information on the relevant historical moment and explores the development of the film. Questions at the end of each chapter helps to connect the themes in each film to the lives of the reader. Film is a powerful and unique artistic medium and now you have a resource to connect its wonders to your faith by reading this book and watching these films.

Love, Henri

Letters on the Spiritual Life

Hachette UK This invaluable collection of over 200 letters by the late Nouwen (*The Wounded Healer*), a beloved author, pastor, and priest, provides insight into his personal struggles, insecurities, and faith and offers the heartfelt guidance Nouwen shared so generously with individuals to a wide audience ... The courage and kindness with which Nouwen shares his vulnerabilities and honest feelings, combined with his willingness to provide direction, advice, companionship, and affection, ensure that Nouwen's legacy as inspired spiritual guide will continue, enhanced by this testimony to his sincere desire to live with gratitude, faith, and love.' - Publishers Weekly 'When I write I think deeply about my friends, I pray for them, I tell them my emotions and feelings. I reflect on our relationship and I dwell with them in a very personal way.' - Henri Nouwen Over the course of his life, priest, professor and writer Henri Nouwen wrote thousands of letters to friends, acquaintances, parishioners, students and readers of his work all around the world. He held a deep conviction about the value of reaching out to others through letters, believing that a thoughtful letter written in love could truly change someone's life. As a result, many people looked to Nouwen as a long-distance spiritual advisor. This collection of previously unpublished letters stretches from the earliest years of Henri's career through to his last ten years at L'Arche Daybreak. Rich in spiritual insights as well as touching details of Henri's daily life, the letters are organised around themes that emerge not just in his correspondence but in his writing, too: vocation and calling; solitude and prayer; suffering and perseverance; belovedness; and community. Across all these letters, what emerges most clearly is Henri's belief in the rich value of human relationships. As relevant today as they were forty years ago, and full of insight and encouragement, these letters offer a deeply personal look into the mind of a spiritual giant of the twentieth century, and are an ideal introduction to his life and thought.